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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 34, Parts 1 and 6, relative to the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System to permit retirement credit for service rendered as a student employee in a public school or education institution supported in whole or in part by and under the control of the state.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-34-101, is hereby amended by deleting item (44) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following item:

(44) "Student" means any person enrolled in a course of study in a public school or in a postsecondary educational institution supported in whole or in part by and under the control of the state. However, "student" does not include any person who is otherwise eligible for membership in the retirement system in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-35-101(a).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-34-621, is hereby amended by adding the following as subsection (c) and by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) accordingly:

(c) Any state employee who is a member of the retirement system may establish retirement credit for service rendered as a student employee upon making application therefor to the board of trustees. If such service is claimed within one (1) year of the member's date of membership or July 1, 1999, whichever is later, the member may

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establish retirement credit for such service which has not been previously refunded upon a payment of back contributions.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-34-621, is hereby further amended by deleting subsection (c), now subsection (d), and by substituting instead the following item:

(d) If service is not established within the time specified in subsection (a), (b) or (c) or if a member or retired member has been refunded for such service, then it may be established upon a payment of back contributions plus interest.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.